

Board of Selectman Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

- 1- **Call to Order:** First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting order at 7:32
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Ellen McCormick
- 3- **Discussion/decision to allow on a trial basis private events to take place at Lachat Town Farm:** Lachat Town Farm Commission (LTFC) Chair Ellen McCormick and member Vickie Kelley discussed this item with the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Ms. McCormick referred to original agreement created by Former Selectman Dennis Tracey. She explained that the profit they make from hosting these events would be put back in the facility and used for education programming. First Selectman Spaulding stated this would be a trial event and we will see how it goes. Selectman Grozinger and Selectman Nestor both supported the idea. Mr. Luiz stated the Board of Selectmen (BOS) would need to make a decision as to process and fees once LTFC makes a recommendation about those things. Mr. Luiz added we would work with our Town Attorney to put together contracts. No motion necessary at this time.
- 4- **Library Board interview of Debby Katz:** Ms. Katz feels the library is becoming more of a community center and she sees a lot of potential. Ms. Katz has a background in the arts, art history, and interior design. She also told the BOS she has worked for non-profit arts and did event planning. Selectman Nestor added she like her background in interior design, and this will be a unique time while library is going through renovation project. No motion as the Board is still awaiting more applicants.
- 5- **Acceptance of Tony Pesco's resignation from the Lachat Town Farm Commission:** Selectman Nestor moved to accept Tony Pesco's resignation from the Lachat Town Farm Commission. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6- **Discussion/decision to appoint Tiffany Donovan Green as an alternate to the Sustainability Committee:** First Selectman Spaulding stated the Sustainability Committee recently voted to add alternate members to their committee. Ms. Green stated she has attended several Sustainability Committee meetings. She feels she could provide assistance in organization as she was in charge of the Social Club of Weston Newcomers Club for years. Ms. Green stated she also has experience with environmental law. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Tiffany Donovan Green as an alternate to the

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Sustainability Committee for a term to end December 31, 2020. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7- **Discussion/decision to appoint Eric Shrago as an alternate to the Sustainability Commission for a term to end December 31, 2020:** Mr. Shrago stated he has a Masters in Energy Management and worked for CT Green Bank. He said he is also involved with Sustainable CT. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Eric Shrago as an alternate to the Sustainability Commission for a term to end December 31, 2020. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8- **Discussion/decision to create a new capital account # 5019664-55001 entitled “Architectural Services for EMS/Police Projects” and to authorize a supplemental appropriation into said account in the amount of \$135,000:** First Selectman Spaulding explained the history of this project and stated we are ready to move forward. He said the next step is to get architectural designs done. First Selectman Spaulding said that the architect will work with the Building Committee, put out RFP’s and get bids on the project. He also explained that money has been put aside for this project in a reserve fund. Selectman Nestor moved to create a new capital account # 5019664-55001 entitled “Architectural Services for EMS/Police Projects” and to authorize a supplemental appropriation into said account in the amount of \$135,000. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9- **Discussion/decision regarding Board of Selectmen’s FY20 proposed budget (if necessary):** This item is tabled.
- 10- **Discussion regarding coyote presence in town with Animal Control Officer Mark Harper:** Mr. Harper gave some history of coyotes in Weston, going back to first sightings back in 1975. He said that recently coyotes have started to become brazen and attack our cats and dogs. Mr. Harper explained that while he does not have an issue with the coyotes that stay in the woods, his issue is with the coyotes that come into our neighborhoods. Mr. Harper presented a map of Weston pointing out areas in town that have had a negative impact by coyotes. Mr. Harper presented options to manage the coyote population. First Selectman Spaulding said he would like some time to come up with a list of questions as well as getting best practices from DEEP and finding out what neighboring towns are doing. First Selectman Spaulding explained that once we get all the information, we would hold a Public Hearing. In the meantime First Selectman Spaulding asked Mr. Harper to create an action plan including targeted areas.
- 11- **Property Tax Refunds:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve property tax refunds totaling \$7,784.14 as presented. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12- **Approval of Minutes: January 17th and 28th:** Selectman Nestor moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the January 17, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Nestor moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the January 28, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting as

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presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

13- **Adjournment:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 8:52pm. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved: February 21, 2019